

## SOCIAL INCIDENTS.

## PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL NOTES.

By a Philadelphia Correspondent—Surprise Party  
at the Spencerian Business College—Re-  
ception of George G. Meade Post,  
U. A. R.—Personals.

The parlors of the Spencerian Business College were filled by a merry party of ladies and gentlemen last evening, the occasion being a surprise party given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bryant, of the famous Holly Tree Lunch and Dining Rooms, 318 Ninth street. The programme for the evening embraced piano solo "Good Evening," by Miss Katie Bell; recitation, "Eugene Aram's Dream," by George W. S. Buckley; piano

songs and choruses, "Gathering Up Shells," Misses Kingsbury and Kyle; waltz song, "When the Leaves Begin to Turn," Miss Katie Bell; piano solo, "Nearer My God to Thee." The victims of the occasion were in blissful ignorance of the intention of the entertainment, and were surprised when they were asked to take front seats near a table, upon which rested a handsome silver ice-keeper, stand, and a sparkling cake. Addressing herself generally to the company, the speaker, who had been astonished fair before her, Miss Spencer made a brief speech on the subject of cookery from an old and a good cook's point of view. The present day, and recounted in eloquent periods the blessings the professors of the art had con-

work being done in this direction by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young, and the fact that the annual couple as a slight token of the high appreciation and esteem of their many friends. After the presentation refreshments were served, and the dancing commenced. The dancing was well attended in between two pretty girls, came near swallowing a spoon in his frantic efforts to keep down and out of the fair damask at once. The entire affair was marked by that happy enjoyment and genuine pleasure which are characteristic of every-thing directed by W. A. Young and his friends. Among those present were: The Misses Kingsbury, Miss Black, Miss Benton, Miss Adams, Mr. & Mrs. May, Miss Foster, Miss Foy, Miss Foy, Miss Youngs, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Benton, Mr. and

McLean, Oliver, Hurrey, and Howe, Miss Annie O'Donoghue, Miss Mamie O'Donoghue, Miss King-walt, Emma Meta and Mary Boyer, Miss Lucille Miller, Messrs. Robert Stone, George Buckler, P. professor W. L. Parson, Prof. sor George E. Little, L. G. Spencer, and J. B. Eney.

George G. Mendel Post, No. 5, G. A. R., gave a most delightful promenade concert and dance last evening at Grand Central.

the friends of the post—and their name is legion—turned out en masse to honor the post, and danced with undiminished vim as long as the music lasted. The reception and floor committees did their best to cheer, and, as host-Commander M. A. Dillon, as chairman of the former, was to do, committee in himself, and did the honors most gracefully. The self-sacrificing gentlemen were: Reception committee, M. A. Dillon (chairman), E. F. Schaefert, J. J. Carroll, H. C. Corliss, J. A. Bryan, Ed. Moran, and J. C. Patterson; floor committee, E. L. Witte (manager), Joseph Denale, E. L. Scott, A. W. Hodgman, and Thomas Hynes.

and ladies, H. C. Megraw and ladies, Colonel H. E. Carlton, Major J. Buddington, Captain J. O. O'Neill and ladies, D. W. B. Pomeroy and ladies, P. H. H. Pomeroy and ladies, Captain J. F. A. Wel and ladies, Edward W. Day, W. W. Simons and ladies, H. M. McElfresh and ladies, S. G. Merrill and ladies, Frank H. Paige, William Lutz, James Levi, General A. B. Hurburt, commander of the Department of Virginia, G. A. R. R. H. Wood and ladies, Thos. Larncom and ladies, Col. J. H. Larncom and ladies, and ladies, W. R. Smith, William R. Schaffner and ladies.

dall and ladies, J. W. Conard, W. B. Deniston, J. M. McClintock and ladies, J. Hibbs, Horace Lamb, Colonel B. J. Spaulding, H. C. Fuller and ladies, P. M. Kennedy, J. H. Gregory and ladies, Commander Samuel Baxter, P. McEnery, M. P. Caldwell, Captain Zack Thomas, E. H. Koss, Major George T. Carter, M. F. Ayers and ladies, Edward S. Fletcher, and many others.

The accomplished wife and beautiful daughter

of New York city, are guests at the Arlington. Mrs. Doremus is a lady of fine presence, and a charming conversationalist. She has made extended tours in foreign countries, and her wonderful memory and descriptive powers make her

be the advocate of woman's advancement in the fields of art, science and literature. This fact alone, proves her to be a lady of advanced ideas and fine cultivation.

is her first visit there since her marriage. A favorite there as Miss Allie L. Currier, she has also been a favorite here as Mrs. Wood. Her husband, Mr. A. L. Wood, is a clerk at the Printing-Office.

Mrs. Fawcett, the artist, has returned from Columbus, Ohio, and contemplates spending most of the summer in Washington. Two of her daughters are at school in Maryland, and she goes to

Mrs. Samuel H. Baker and children will spend the summer at Rawley Springs, Virginia, where she will be joined by her husband, Lieutenant-Commander Baker, when he goes on leave from the Naval Academy.

Mrs. John D. Sloane, wife of Assistant Engineer Sloane, U. S. N., who is now on duty on board the *Albatross*, will spend the summer at Oceanburg,

It is rumored that Mrs. E. T. Charles is to be the editor of the organ of the Grand Army of the Republic, now edited by Mr. Jewell. In that case her headquarters would be in New York city.

Mrs. Mary A. Dennison, the authoress, has gone to Boston, and will not return until the last of this month. She is engaged on several magazines, and will soon publish another book.

There was a very pleasant garden party at General Spring Carroll's country residence, "Bellevue on the Sligo," yesterday evening. Those present were the intimate friends of Miss Nellie Carroll, and were Misses Blacklock, Douglass, Fant, Shriver, Potts, Shellabarger, Orniway, Teel, and Messrs. Ridenour, Fant, Allen, Wood, Boyd, Gittings, Helms, Galt, Blaine, Law, Guilon, McCauley, and Buckley.

Miss Eva Mills will go to Richmond next week to sing in opera under the auspices of the Mozart Club, the members of which are making arrangements for the performance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wells have returned from their wedding tour, and will be at home to their friends at "The Portland" after the 18th instant.

Captain George W. Kingsbury, lieutenant Twelfth Infantry, arrived at the Elkhart House last night with his family from Fort Thomas, Ariz.

Louis Schuss and wife, of Vancouver, Washington, have taken rooms at the Elkhart.

**Abner's Garden.**

The balconies at Abner's Garden presented a beautiful scene last night, filled with bright and lovely women, their airy summer costumes harmonizing with the leafy boughs of the trees and the prismatic hues of the many-colored gas-jets.

while the two dancers to the accompaniment of a band added additional pleasure to the occasion. Down in the garden proper the tables were all surrounded by lovers of music, while Ferd. Rocker, the able manager, flitted to and fro to see that everything was in proper order. The programme was finely arranged, and the warbling of the Reimer quartette of Tyrolean singers was greatly admired.

**Virginia News.**  
**PETERSBURG, June 18.**—Rev. Robert F. Jackson, rector of Christ Episcopal Church of Richmond, died here this afternoon of Bright's disease of the kidneys. He was formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Macon, Ga. He was a minister of rare ability and widely known. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia and a member of the Virginia Academy of Science.

**A Mad Playwright.**  
NEW YORK, June 17.—The mind of A. Z. Cas-  
sano, the author and dramatist, has been mad.

and left him wrecked upon the rock of insanity. The unfortunate gentleman was to-day conveyed to the Bloomingdale asylum, where, under careful treatment, it is hoped he may recover his lost faculties. The cause may, perhaps, be attributed to a habit, based upon passion, too prevalent among all classes at the present day, the indulgence of which slowly but surely sapped the

**James Gordon Bennett's Verdict.**  
New York, June 16.—In the suit in the supreme court, brought by James Gordon Bennett against the city, to recover money due for advertising in the *Herald*, Judge Bonchus to-day ordered a verdict for plaintiff of \$18,363.01, the full amount.

**Political.**

CONCORD, N. H., June 16.—The Republican State committee met this afternoon and appointed September 12 as the date for the State convention.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 16.—The Democratic conference of the twenty-first district met here tonight and nominated Chas. E. Boyle for Congress.

**The Weather To-Day.**  
For the Middle Atlantic States, southerly to westerly winds, partly cloudy weather and occasional light rain, stationary or slight rises in temperature, followed by falling barometer.  
For Washington, from 7 a. m. to midnight—

**Thermometric readings.**—7 a. m., 74.7°; 11 a. m., 83.9°; 3 p. m., 76.2°; 7 p. m., 74.3°; 11 p. m., 69.5°; maximum, 88.5°; minimum, 69.5°.